GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVANTS- Dept., for Women, Children, Differently Abled & Senior Citizens - Smt.K.Leelavathi, Project Director, DW&CDA and 05 others CDPOs-Complaint No.4299/205/B2 filed before the Hon'ble Lokayukta by Smt.P.Nirmala, for misappropriation of Govt., funds without receipt of stocks (Pressure Cookers to AWCs in Kadapa District) – Initiation of common disciplinary proceedings under Rule–24 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 –Inquiry Report received – Inquiry Report Communicated – Explanations received –Penalty of withholding of 1 % pension cut for a period of one year against the two retired charged officers viz., 1) Smt. C. Sreemathamma, former CDPO., Kamalaputram, Kadapa and 2) Smt.P.Bharathi, CDPO., Sidhoutam, Kadapa– Final orders – Issued.

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DEPTT FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, DIFFERENTLY ABLED AND SENIOR CITIZENS (Estt.A1)

G.O.RT.No. 72 Dated: 27-05-2025

Read the following:-

1. Interim orders of the Hon'ble Upa – Lokayukta dated 04-02-2016 in Complaint No.4299/2015/B2, received through Lokayukta Lr.Dis No.4299/2015/B2/1783/2016, dated 18.02.2016.
2. Govt. Memo.No.234/Estt.A3/2016, dated 09-05-2016 & 16-07-2016.
3. The Spl. Commissioner, W.D & C.W., A.P., Lr.No.5633/V/2015, dated: 12-08-2016.
4. G.O.Rt.No.251-256, Dept., for WCDA & SC, dated 19.12.2018.
(A.o.C. to C.Os)
5. Written Statement of Defence submitted by Smt.P.Bharathi, Smt. P.Nirmala, Smt. P. Ramadevi and Smt. C. Sreemathamma, CDPOs.
6. G.O.Rt.No.123, Deptt., for WCDA & SC, dated 26.6.2020.
(Appointment of Inquiry Officer)
7. Inquiry Report of Smt. R. Sreelatha, E.O & JD (Admn) dated: 27.04.2021 received on 22.06.2021.
8. Govt. Memo.No.234/Estt.A3/2016-1, dated 27-08-2021.
9. Memo. No.WDC02-12022/63/2018-DC-WDCW, dated: 08-09-2021
10. Lr.No.WDC02-12022/63/2018-DC - WDCW, dt: 18/09/2019 of the Director, WD&CW.
11. G.O.Rt.No.176, WCDA&SC Dept, Dated.26.12.2022.
12. G.O.Rt.No.52, WCDA&SC Dept., Dated. 23.04.2025.
13. Govt.Memo.No.246851/Estt.A2/2025, dated: 23-04-2025 (SCN)
14. Explanations received from Smt.P.Bharathi, Retd. CDPO, Siddhoutam, Kadapa District. Dated: nil and Smt.Sreemathamma, Retd. ACDPO, Rayachoti, Annamayya District. Dated.28.04.2025)

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ORDER:

Smt.P.Nirmala, filed a Complaint petition before the Hon'ble A.P Lokayukta, by levelling certain allegations of misappropriation of huge amount of Rs.73,94,369/- in purchasing of pressure cookers to the A.W.Cs in Kadapa District by Smt. P. Leelavathi, former Project Director, D.W & C.D.A., Kadapa.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Special Commissioner, WD&CW, has furnished the remarks of the Collector, Kadapa, on the inquiry report dt: 10.11.2015 submitted by a team of Inquiry Officers headed by Smt. Nazneen Bhanu on the above allegations.

3. After considering the position informed by the Spl. Commr, WD&CW, a common disciplinary proceedings was initiated under Rule – 24 (1) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 in respect of (i) Smt. K. Leelavathi, P.D., D.W & C.D.A., Kadapa (ii) Smt. V. Arunakumari, CDPO, ICDS Project, Kadapa, (iii) Smt.Sreemathamma, CDPO, ICDS Project, Kamalapuram, Kadapa, (iv) Smt.P.Ramadevi, CDPO, ICDS Project, L.R. Palli, Kadapa, (v) Smt. P. Bharathi, CDPO, ICDS Project, Rayachoti, Kadapa and (vi) Smt. P. Nirmala, CDPO, ICDS Project, Sidhout, Kadapa, as they were held responsible for misappropriation of Govt. funds to a tune of Rs.74,69,060/- by supplying of unsafe and unbranded pressure cookers instead of “Prestige” brand pressure cookers to the Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) in Kadapa; payment of bills by the then Project Director, D.W & C.D.A., Kadapa to M/s M & S Enterprises, Kadapa, before supplying the cookers to the Anganwadi Centres(AWCs) issue of false delivery certificates by the five Child Development Project Officers(C.D.P.Os), as they cannot be pleaded ignorance vide 4th read above.

4. In the Written Statement of Defences 5th read above, the Charged Officers have submitted their Written Statements of Defence, after following due procedure appointed the Joint Director (Admn), WD&CW Dept., Guntur, as Inquiry Officer vide G.O 6th read above. Subsequently, the I.O has submitted her report vide letter 7th read above.

5. In the Inquiry Report, the charges against Late Smt. K.Leelavathi, Project Director, i.e (1) that she made advance payment to the suppliers (2) failed to take action against M/s M.S. Enterprises, Prodddatur for not supplying the pressure cookers even after lapses of six to nine months of time, though the total cost of cookers was paid to them (3) failed to take action against M/s M.S Enterprises for not supplying branded cookers, were held proved. The charges against the remaining the Charged Officers (1) Smt. V. Aruna kumara, C.D.P.O, I.C.D.S Project, Kadapa Urban, (2) Smt. C. Sreemathamma, A.C.D.P.O, I.C.D.S Project, Rayachoti, (3) Smt. P. Rama Devi, C.D.P.O, I.C.D.S Project, Kadapa Rural, (4) Smt. P. Bharathi C.D.P.O who retired from service on Superannuation on 30-06-2019 and (5) Smt.P.Nirmala, C.D.P.O, I.C.D.S Project, Rajampet of Y.S.R District, that they are responsible for supply of unbranded pressure cookers instead of Prestige cookers by giving false certificate which show their carelessness, negligence held proved. In addition to the above charge, a separate charge against Smt.P.Bharati, irregularity in appointment of Anganwadi Worker (AWW), Porteddigaripalli. Vide Proceedings No.3350/E1/2016, Dt:29.12.2017 of the Special Commissioner, Women Development and Child Welfare Dept., Guntur had imposed punishment i.e. withholding of 2 Annual Grade Increments without Cumulative effect on the same allegation.

6. In the memo. 8th read above, the Director, W.D&C.W, has been informed to communicate a copy of the Inquiry Report to the Charged Officers, so as to enable them

to submit their further written representation thereon within 15 days of time and furnish the same to the Govt., for taking further course of action in the matter.

7. In response to the Govt., memo, the Director, W.D.&C.W has stated that the inquiry report has been communicated to the Charged Officers vide reference 9th read above, to submit their further written representations on the inquiry report within 15 days. All the Charged Officers have submitted their explanations (except Late Smt. K.Leelavathi) on the inquiry report.

8. In the letter 10th read above, the Director, WD&CW, while enclosing the death report issued by M/s Alexis Multi Specialty Hospital, Nagpur has stated that Smt. K.Leelavathi expired on 24.07.2019 at M/s. Alexis Multi Specialty Hospital, Nagpur, due to failure of Liver Transplantation operation.

9. Accordingly, Government have issued orders to abate further disciplinary action against Smt.K.Leelavathi, former Project Director, DW&CDA, Kadapa, in the present case, duly adjusting the financial loss caused to the Govt., exchequer from the pensionary benefits of the deceased officer Smt. K. Leelavathi, former Project Director vide reference 11th read above and to impose the penalty of 'Censure' against the three (3) in service Charged Officers viz., 1) Smt.V.Aruna Kumari, CDPO., Kadapa; 2) Smt. P. Rama Devi, CDPO., Lakkireddypalli, Kadapa & 3) Smt. P.Nirmala, CDPO., ICDS Project, Siddavatam, YSR District vide reference 12th read above.

10. In the reference 13th cited, Government, after examining the findings of the Inquiring Authority and other material on hand, have provisionally decided under Rule-9 of the A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980 to impose the punishment "withholding the 1% pension cut for a period of one year against the two retired charged officers viz., 1) Smt. C.Sreemathamma, former CDPO., Kamalaputram, Kadapa and 2) Smt. P.Bharathi, CDPO., Sidhoutam, Kadapa. The Explanations of the Charged Officers received vide reference 14th read above, they have requested the Government to drop the charges issued against them and release the pensionary benefits to them and explanations of the Charged Officers is not convincing.

11. Government, after careful examination of the entire matter, have decided and hereby order to impose a penalty of "withholding the 1% pension for a period of one year against the two retired charged officers viz., 1) Smt.C.Sreemathamma, former CDPO., Kamalaputram, Kadapa and 2) Smt. P.Bharathi, CDPO., Sidhoutam, Kadapa and release pensionary benefits to them.

12. The Director, WD&CW, AP, Guntur shall take necessary further action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

A SURYA KUMARI
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director, WD&CW, AP, Guntur.
The individuals through the Director, WD&CW, AP, Guntur.

The Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Mangalagiri.
Copy to:
The O.S.D to Hon'ble Minister for W&CW, TW.
The P.S. to Secretary to Government,
SF/SC (C.No.246851)

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SECTION OFFICER